Graduating Exercises

of

The Vacaville Union High School

Friday, June Four, Nineteen Twenty

eight p. m.

Program:

Music ----------Girls' Chorus

Miss Ruth M. Geissler, Conductor.

Salutatory----------Carroll C. Hodge

Rom. 11:33-36.

THE UNFATHONABLENESS OF GOD.

Paul explaining to the Gentiles their inclusion in God's plas of salvation.

The Chosen People cut off because of their apostacy.

The Jewish rejection of X became the Gentile invutation

But should Gentiles reject or be untrue, they too would be cut off.

The Jews not cut off permanently, but God will take them back when they come back. This they will do thru Gentile influence.

This plan of salvation on the part of God so filled Paul with wonder that he bursts forth into ecstacy, and it it is this volcanic burst from the soul of the apostle that constitutes our text today. Read.

The remarks of not a few that because religion contains so much of the unknowable it is'nt worh a man's while to consider it seriously. True, a great part of religion is mystery: spiritual realities are hidden from us.

Some of these objectors to religion take their satisfaction in the sciences as opening up to us vast storehouses of knowledge and understanding. Indeed, man's classification of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms and his theories of the universe based on the facts of creation as he has observed them represent an extent of knowledge as vast and as deep as the ocean itself.

And yet, the simplest of observed phenomena defies man's explanations! Man knows that water is composed of two parts H and one part O, but he does'nt know why.

Life. Electricity. Man himself the greatest mystery!

Then since we cannot explain the simplest things of life because they are hidedn in mystery why should we reject religion because it has its unfathonable depths?

We dont refuse to eat food because we do not understand just how it is conveeted into our own flesh and bone. We dont refuse to use eledtricity because we cannot tell what electircity is. Then why should we reject God because He is unfathonable and His ways past finding out?

What the scientists and inventors have done for us with reference to our use of natural forces, such as gas, steam and electircity, religion has done for us in our use of God. We may never know God fully but we can use Him mightily for the salvation of our souls and the development of our spiritual selves, and for the redemption of the world and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth. In the realm of religion one person more than all others put together has given us the grip upon God by which the Almighty has lifted us up to our present heights of civilization and spiritual realizations-and that person is Jesus Christ.

God's plan of human salvation as Paul saw it caused the apostle to exclaim,"O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! Two thousand years of Xn experience and practice has given to us a far more comprehensive understanding of God's salvation for us than what Paul had. Our world is so much larger and more complete than was the world of the Apostle. And our knowledge and understanding of the world and of the laws governing the world is vaster than was that of Paul. We see Xty today as the strongest influence that is shaping civilization. Paul saw Xty in its infancy as an influence likely to be crushed by civilization. And we have a clearer vision of the future generations as they are moulded by Xn influence than what Paul had. We see coming beyond a shadow of a doubt the nations of the world in league together, doing away with war, exploitation, greed and graft and working with God to build humanity into a brotherhood of mutual love and service.

And yet, we can add nothing to the Apostle Paul's word Moses standing on Sinai, without any onowledge of Christ could have spoken Paul's words as his own. Compared to the mighty ocean Moses' understanding of God was as one drop of water; Paul's understanding of God as a cup of water and our understanding is as a quart of water. But what difference is there between a drop of water and a cupful and quart when we look upon the oceans full of water!

1. The unfathonableness of God should make us feel our dependence upon Him.

The Roosevelt Dam a wonderful achievement, but it depends upon the ocean's water for its purposees.

Salt River

The waters impounded by the Roosevelt Dam can flood 1,300,000 acres a foot deep. Think of the cultivation made possible! But let us not boast, the waters of the Salt River come from the inexhaustible ocean!

Think of what human love and mercy has accomplished! Think of what human justice and freedom and liberty have achieved for the advancement of mankind! Think of our institutions of government, education, business, society, etc. Think of how we have developed the human mind into the wonderful creative power that it is! But we dare not boast, for as the waters of Salt River come from the ocean so all human achievement has its source in the Creative Intelligence of the Universe-God.

Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works & glorify your father which is in heaven

2. The unfathonableness of God should make us faithful and courageous, confident and hopeful.

Just as we have'nt begun, as yet, to invent and create for our mutual welfare, so we have'nt begun to live our lives according to their possibilities. Think of the desert regions yet to be reclaimed, of the peoples of the earth yet to be established under sound government and Xn institutions. Think of the extensive progress that is to be made within Xn experience. We have an inexhaustible God! We have an inexhaustible Savior! We have a self, a soul that is inexhaustible in its possibilities under the direction of our inexhaustible God to achieve moral and spiritual purposes such as the world has never dreamed of.

3. The unfathonableness of God should make us set aside our differences to work together for the larger interests of the Kingdom of God.

Since all that we do know about God, even in Christ Jesus our Lord, is as nothing compared with what God has yet in store for us, what matters our differences- they are as tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum. The thing for each Xn to do is to utilize what salvation God has given him for the salvation of the not yet ~~salvation~~ saved. What can be done is so much greater than what has been done we ought not to quarrel over our works. What can be thot out in the realm of God and spiritual reality is so much more infinite than what has been thot out as to make our quarreling over differences of opinion look rediculous.